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Mr. M. DEVADASON :—"May I know whether, if no enquiry is made in proper time, worse dangers may not happen to the people there?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Whatever that may be, I have called for a report, and I must wait before I take any action."

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Suits by Government servants.

*328 Q.—Mr. C. BASU DEV : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have now perused the judgment in C.S. No. 650/1927 on the file of the High Court (Original Side), Madras;

(b) whether the plaintiff in the said suit was suspended under the orders of the Government until such time as he cleared his character in a court of law;

(c) the cost incurred by the Government in the said suit;

(d) whether the Law Officers of the Government ever moved the Government for a compromise in the said suit and if so, why the compromise was not accepted; and

(e) how many such suits by various Government servants are pending in the High Court or in other courts?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Rs. 4,064-2-0.

(d) Yes, but the suggestion was not accepted because the Government considered that they had a good case.

(e) The Government have no information.

Mr. C. BASU DEV :—"May I know if the Government are prepared to consider the question again if and when an appeal is filed?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—"With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I know, out of that amount, how much was paid to the vakil as fees?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Notice."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—"May I know, in the suit decreed in favour of the Government, whether costs have been allowed against the plaintiff?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I should like to have notice of the question."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"May I know what decision the Government have come to after a perusal of the High Court's judgment in the case of the Police Inspector who was dismissed?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"That is not here on the paper."

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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" That is included, Sir, in clause (*a*) of the question which says : 'whether the Government have now perused the judgment in. . .' "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Notice."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know if the Court has not held that the person should not have been suspended without a formal enquiry ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Notice."

Rewards to certain Government servants for services in connexion with the civil disobedience movement.

*329 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. VENKATARAMA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have ordered the payment of extra emoluments or remuneration over and above their salaries to certain Police officers, Magistrates and other Government servants for the discharge of their official duties in cases arising out of the civil disobedience, non-co-operation, picketing, boycott or Congress movement ;

(*b*) what are the classes or categories of officers or public servants so rewarded ;

(*c*) what are the special services for which they have been so rewarded ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of the Magistrates and their special services thus rewarded and the amount or value and nature of the special emoluments or remuneration sanctioned to them, and also the total remuneration thus sanctioned for the various departments ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have sanctioned the payment of honoraria to certain officials (and non-officials also) as a reward for specially meritorious services rendered in connexion with the civil disobedience movement.

(*b*) Members of the subordinate and provincial services in the Revenue, Police, Excise, Agriculture, Education, Medical and Jail departments.

(*c*) Specially meritorious services in connexion with the civil disobedience movement.

(*d*) No rewards have been given to any Magistrates for their services as such.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, in view of the fact that the action of the Police in these cases was illegal and not covered by the existing laws of the land, either by the Ordinances or the ordinary laws, whether the Government do not consider the award of rewards to these people to be naturally demoralising ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I do not agree with the statement that the action was illegal."